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SUBJECT: CU/IV/V - VOLUNTARY VISITORS: SAARLAND LABOR/
CIVIC LEADERS

1. FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FOR A 21-MEMBER GROUP OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL LABOR UNION OFFICIALS, CIVIC OFFICIALS, CIVIC LEADERS FROM THE FEDERAL STATE OF THE SAARLAND WHO WILL VISIT NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON, BUFFALO, DETROIT AND CHICAGO JUNE 1-15, 1978. FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED ONLY FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE TRIP IN NEW YORK (JUNE 1-2), WASHINGTON (JUNE 5-6) AND CHICAGO (JUNE 13-14).

2. THE GROUP'S PRINCIPAL INTERESTS ON THIS STUDY TRIP ARE, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, (A) U.S. EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, (B) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND INFLUENCE OF U.S. LABOR UNIONS, (C) U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT (PARTICULARLY YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT) AND U.S. COUNTER-MEASURES, (D) U.S. SOCIAL WELFARE NET, (E) U.S. URBAN AREAS, CITY PLANNING, AND URBAN POLICIES.

3. GROUP IS HEADED BY KURT HARTZ, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE FOR THE SAARLAND OF GERMANY'S AND SAARLAND'S LARGEST
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AND MOST IMPORTANT UNION, I.G. METALL (COMPARABLE, ROUGHLY, TO U.S. STEELWORKERS, METAL WORKERS AND AUTO WORKERS COMBINED). TEN OF THE GROUP ARE FROM I.G. METALL, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMEN OF THE WORKS COUNCILS IN THE LARGE DILLINGER, ROECHLING/VOELKLINGEN STEEL PLANTS AND THE FORD ASSEMBLY PLANT IN SAARLOUIS. TEN OTHER GROUP MEMBERS INCLUDE LOCAL POLITICAL AND CIVIC

LEADERS INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF BLIESKASTEL, A BANK DIRECTOR, A CONTRACTOR, AND A MEMBER OF THE HOMBURG TOWN COUNCIL. ONLY TWO OF THE 20 MEN SPEAK ENGLISH, BUT GROUP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. CHRISTA PUHL, STAFF MEMBER OF SAARBRUECKEN GERMAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, WHO WILL DO GENERAL INTERPRETING DURING TRAVELS. DEPARTMENT IS ASKED, HOWEVER, TO ASSIGN GERMAN INTERPRETERS FOR PROGRAM EVENTS IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, AND CHICAGO.

4. HOTEL AND FLIGHT RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. INDIVIDUALS IN GROUP ARE PAYING OWN WAY. VISA ELIGIBILITY OKAY. PROGRAMS IN PHILADELPHIA, BUFFALO AND DETROIT BEING ARRANGED SEPARATELY AND NO FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED. (FYI PHILADELPHIA VISIT WILL CONCENTRATE ON HISTORY AND DOWNTOWN AREA, BUFFALO VISIT ON TOURISM, DETROIT VISIT ON FORD PLANT AND UNION HEADQUARTERS VISIT ARRANGED DIRECTLY BETWEEN GERMAN I.G. METALL AND U.S. METAL AND AUTOWORKERS.).

5. FOLLOWING IS ITINERARY:

MAY 31: ETA NYC/JFK 1815 VIA ICELANDIC (NYC HOTEL IS RAMADA INN MIDTOWN, MANHATTAN, 790 EIGHTH AVENUE, N.Y., NEW YORK 10019.)

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JUNE 1: VISIT TO AND TOUR OF U.N. (FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED).

JUNE 2: CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR PLUS, IF POSSIBLE, ORIENTATION IN GERMAN ON CITY IN CITY HALL OR ELSEWHERE. (FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED).

JUNE 3: ETD NYC 0850, ETA PHILADELPHIA 0940. (PHILADELPHIA HOTEL IS RAMADA INN, 109 9TH AVENUE, RUNNEMEDE, N.J. 08078). NO FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.

JUNE 4: TRAVEL IN EVENING FROM PHILADELPHIA TO WASHINGTON. RESERVATIONS IN RAMADA INN (D.C. AREA), 8400 WISCONSIN AVENUE, BETHESDA, MD. 20014. ENTIRE WASHINGTON PROGRAM TO BE ARRA-ARRANGED BY CU/IV/V.

JUNE 5: ORIENTATION SESSIONS AT CONGRESS, AFL-CIO AND METALWORKERS AND/OR AUTO WORKERS RE: (A) HOW U.S.

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ORGANIZED LABOR EXERTS POLITICAL INFLUENCE, (B) CURRENT
POLITICAL CONCERNS OF U.S. ORGANIZED LABOR.

JUNE 6: SIGHTSEEING IN WASHINGTON (WHITE HOUSE, MONU-
MENTS, MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CITY HALL).

JUNE 7: ETD WASHINGTON 0920 ARR BUFFALO 1040, NO
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. BUFFALO HOTEL
IS RAMADA INN, 401 BUFFALO AVENUE, NIAGARA FALLS,
N.Y. 14303.

JUNE 10: ETD BUFFALO 0926 ARR DETROIT 1021, NO
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED. DETROIT HOTEL IS
RAMADA INN DEARBORN, 3000 ENTERPRISE ROAD, ALLEN PARK,
MICH. 48101.

JUNE 13: ETD DETROIT 0900 ARR CHICAGO 0903.
HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT RAMADA INN DOWNTOWN, 506 W.
HARRISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILL. 60607. DAY FREE, NO
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.

JUNE 14: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR FULL
DAY PROGRAM CONCERNING URBAN ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING
AND GOVERNMENT IN CHICAGO URBAN AREA. BRIEFING ON
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U.S. MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BY
GERMAN BUSINESSMAN OR EXECUTIVE OF GERMAN FIRM DOING
BUSINESS IN CHICAGO WOULD BE USEFUL. IN EVENING GROUP
ANTICIPATES INVITATION FROM CHICAGO'S "SAARLAND CLUB."

JUNE 15: FREE UNTIL ETD 1930 VIA ICELANDIC ARR
LUXEMBOURG 1230 JUNE 16.

6. GROUP IS A SERIOUS ONE WHICH HAS BEEN PLANNING
THIS STUDY TRIP TO U.S. FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR. PRE-
DEPARTURE PREPARATIONS WILL INCLUDE FULL DAY SEMINAR
APRIL 22 AT WHICH BONN LABOR ATTACHE AND USIS OFFICER
WILL SPEAK. GROUP'S ITINERARY AND PLANS HAVE BEEN
DEVELOPED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH USIS-AFFILIATED
GERMAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN SAARBRUECKEN.

7. NAMES, DOBS, IDENTIFICATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS
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